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Annual Ratepayer Meeting Postponed

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the annual ratepayer meeting originally scheduled for March 3, 2021 has been postponed. The meeting will be rescheduled to a future date within 90 days.

Please visit ttd.gov for more details.



A tree is planted in East Norwalk...

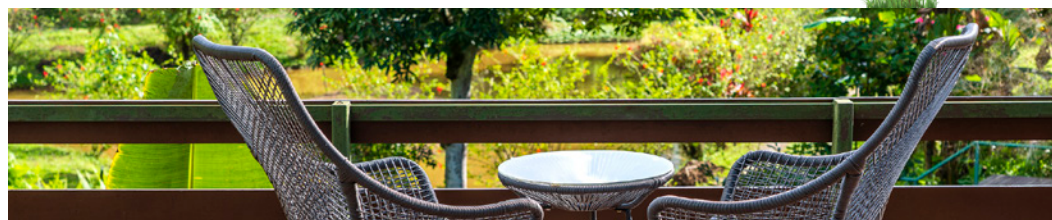
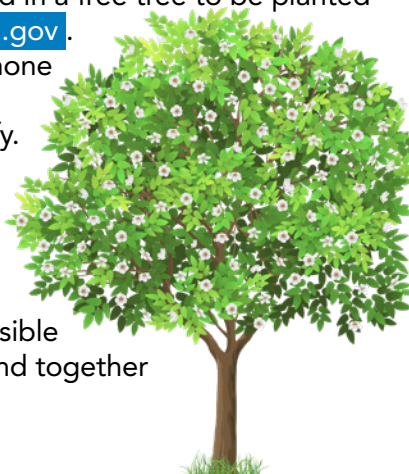
The Third Taxing District is excited to announce the fourth annual free tree promotion through which the TTD offers free trees to homeowners in East Norwalk.

With a grant to Norwalk Tree Alliance (NTA), TTD will provide trees at no cost to homeowners – for the tree and for planting it. Our goal is to beautify East Norwalk neighborhoods and to improve the quality of our environment.

Because the Free Tree program has been so popular, a tree lottery has been established for the last four years. If you're interested in a free tree to be planted in your front yard, please email TTD at ctenney@ttd.gov. Please include your name, home address and telephone number. If you entered the lottery in previous years, you'll need to enter again this year in order to qualify. As there are a limited number of trees available, qualified homeowners will be selected at a drawing at the beginning of April 2021.

- The NTA will contact you in early April if you are a winner. An NTA representative will review the possible locations with you for planting in your front yard and together you will select an appropriate tree.

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TTD's Fourth Annual FREE Tree Lottery Returns This Spring.
Email us for your chance to win!



**TTD's
FEATURED BUSINESS PICK**

AutoRepair Specialists, Inc.

A Legacy of Quality... & Community

When Thomas Forbes purchased the longstanding *Mulqueen & Mitchell* back in 2012, he had a vision to forge a new, dealer-level quality facility from the family owned and operated independent automotive repair shop, and renamed it **AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS, INC.** David Mitchell, an original owner, continues as part of the expert automotive repair team.

"It's not just about repairing or maintaining automobiles – for us it's more about servicing our community," says Tom.

Auto Repair Specialists ("ARS") includes attention to the environment, recycling all used fluid and participates in the city's program of commitment to electricity conservation through high-efficiency equipment and LED lighting throughout the shop. ARS volunteers countless hours and resources to the Norwalk Public School System. "We can't stress enough how important it is to give back to the community which we are part of," says Tom. ●



LEFT TO RIGHT: ASE Certified Master Technicians David Beguhn, Steven Burr and Tom Forbes, Owner (also a CT State Emission Certified Technician)

Visit Automotive Repair Specialists, Inc.

57 Van Zant St., East Norwalk
Monday to Friday, 8am–5:30pm
203-866-9986

www.autorepairspecialistsct.com

A tree is planted in East Norwalk...

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- A landscape contractor selected by the NTA, or a team of NTA volunteers will plant the selected tree in the front yard location approved by you, the homeowner.

Since we began the Free Tree program, the NTA has planted over 70 trees throughout East Norwalk. These trees help to restore the tree canopy of Norwalk depleted due to storm damage, disease and removal.

Why plant a tree?

Trees provide many personal, neighborhood and town benefits. Besides adding value and beauty to your property, trees provide a habitat for songbirds and other wildlife. They absorb pollution and provide cooling shade. By holding soil with their roots, trees reduce erosion and storm-water runoff. ●



Allan Broadbent, President
Norwalk Tree Alliance

TTD Extends Rate Relief to Customers



At the Commission meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, the Commissioners of the Third Taxing District unanimously voted to continue the reduction of the Power Cost Adjustment ("PCA") through June 30, 2021 to provide continued rate relief to the ratepayers. The PCA rate reduction will continue to provide customers with an approximate 8% savings in their electric bills.

IMPORTANT DATES



ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING
POSTPONED —
DETAILS ON TTD.GOV



COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 22, 2021 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY
APR 2, 2021
OFFICE IS CLOSED



COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 26, 2021 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



East Norwalk History Walk...

Does "Yankee Doodle" Rest in the East Norwalk Cemetery?

Question: What's the State Song of Connecticut?

That's right... "Yankee Doodle"!

Most of us know that bouncy tune, and can sing a verse or two, but many don't know that the original Yankee Doodle was Colonel Thomas Fitch of Norwalk.

Yankee Doodle was a local boy...

Thomas Fitch, the son of a Connecticut colonial governor who led a group of Norwalk men to Rensselaer, N.Y., in the 1750's to help the British in the French and Indian War is, according to legend, Yankee Doodle.

In 1775, Col. Fitch led Connecticut volunteers in their fight against the French at Fort Crailo, in what is now Rensselaer, New York. On their departure from Norwalk, the local young women, distraught by the lack of uniforms improvised plumes from chicken feathers for their hats.

EAST NORWALK CEMETERY:
Colonel Thomas Fitch rests here!



"East Norwalk History Walk" is part of an ongoing series.

To report a power outage during non-business hours, call 203-663-6875.

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